

The recent installation of a new and larger line along Bruton Street has improved service in the southeast section of town. Installation of a line along Leach Street is badly needed. New residential areas will need service. Replacement of some of the small lines and looping all dead-end lines back into the system also need attention.

Sewerage System

The eastern half of Biscoe is served by an old Imhoff Tank. The effluent is discharged into the drainage basin of Deep River by way of Lick Creek (East). This drainage system is part of the Cape Fear Drainage Basin. This small treatment system is badly overloaded. The effluent is of such poor quality that the Stream Sanitation Division of the North Carolina Department of Water and Air Resources has demanded that corrective measures be taken immediately.

The western half of the town is served by another old Imhoff Tank. Its effluent is also far below the standards required by the Stream Sanitation Division and it is polluting Hickory Branch and White Oak Creek. These watercourses drain into Little River, a part of the Pee Dee Drainage Basin.

Spring Mills operates an aerated lagoon which treats some of the waste from both the mill and the town.

Approximately the same areas of town that are served by the municipal water system are served by the town's sewerage system. The major exceptions to this are the fringe areas along the major highways. Only small areas to the west and south of the corporate limits are served by sewer lines. This means that all the homes of the black community in the southwestern section of town and many of the homes of black citizens in the southeastern section are without sewer service.

In dry weather, the flow of water which carries the effluent from the eastern Imhoff Tank often ceases. The odor caused by this problem is particularly bothersome to residents of surrounding areas.